



California Air Resources Board
Public Hearing to Consider Minor Modifications to the Zero Emission Vehicle Regulation
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Testimony

Good morning. I am Julia Rege, Senior Manager for Environment & Energy at the Association of Global Automakers, representing 13 international automobile manufacturers.

Global Automakers' members are committed to the success of ZEV technology. Our members have invested billions of dollars in the research and development of ZEV technology and the automotive industry as a whole has announced over 30 models through 2016, demonstrating our commitment.

With respect to the minor amendments before the Board, we would like to offer our support for the following.

1. We continue to support the pooling provisions in the rule and believe that the suggested amendments to allow credits earned in 2012-2017 to apply towards pooling requirements are necessary and important to ensure the value of credits and provide incentives to manufacturers who produce ZEVs early. We believe these changes are consistent with the agreement reached by the large volume manufacturers and the Section 177 States prior to the January 2012 board hearing and should be adopted.
2. We also support ARB's proposed amendment to the fast refueling definitions to eliminate this credit for battery swapping. The proposed change will ensure that only vehicles that in fact use fast refueling in the field receive credit for doing so and provide an added incentive for fast refueling. Thus, we support this change.

We look forward to continuing to work with ARB going forward, and we thank you for your consideration of our comments.